GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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LIFT IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers in drought affected areas are being encouraged for lift-irrigation;

(b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any action plan for funding the areas covered under lift irrigation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): There is no scheme in Ministry of Water Resources for funding farmers directly for implementation of minor irrigation projects. However, Central assistance is being provided under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) to the special category states comprising North Eastern States and Hill States (Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttranchal) and Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts of Orissa for taking up surface minor irrigation projects. Lift irrigation schemes are also permitted under AIBP. The guidelines of AIBP have been relaxed to include non-special category states for implementation of surface minor irrigation projects in drought prone and tribal areas also.